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FLY LIKE A BIRD—Mt. Vernon's Gary Treon, (11) soars high into the air trying to grab the ball from Wakefield's Henry Mayo in last night's basketball game between the two schools. Mayo was successful in tapping the ball back to teammate Tom Head (24) Mt. Vernon won the game 55-53. (Photo by Steve Moore)

# Third Quarter Slump Costs Wakefield Edge

By JIMMY TUCKER

Wakefield High School's hapless hoopsters lost their sixth straight basketball game over at Mt. Vernon last night in a brave but futile 55-53 effort.

Wakefield snapped in the opening ice-breaker to jump the determined Warriors to a brief two point lead but the Majors' Bob Brown slapped in a quick goal to get the Mt. Vernon boys started.

Steve Holderness popped in two free goals for the Warriors to put his team ahead once more but the Majors quickly tied it up. The fracas continued in this see-saw fashion until Mt. Vernon finally slipped ahead in the closing moments of the initial quarter.

Wakefield bounced back in the second period and fought the Majors to a 28-28 half-time stand-off before the Mt. Vernon lads enjoyed a Warrior-killing third period onslaught.

Mt. Vernon tossed in 14 points to 7 for the Warriors in that disastrous third quarter to build up a formidable 42-35 advantage from which the Wakefield lads never quite recovered.

Coach Robbie Robinson's bad luck boys stiffened their backs in the final stanza and came within one point of tying the Majors on several occasions but the Warriors could never quite catch the Mt. Vernon lads.

As the clock showed less than a minute left in the contest, Wakefield tried desperately to sink at least the tying goal that would send the battle into an overtime showdown but the Majors froze the ball, and Mt. Vernon's Davey Davies, displaying a professional polish to his ball hogging technique, teased the frenzied Warriors into fouling him twice in succession. Davies sunk two shots both times to turn the Majors' slim one point lead into a heart-breaking five point spread.

Wakefield's ever-dispairing sons glimpsed light once more when Steve Holderness dropped in a foul shot and Don Richards sunk two but time ran out with the Al-

exandrians hanging on to the hotly contested victory.

NOTES: Warren Watson continued to prove that he has the ability to become a basketball player by flipping in 14 points and hauling in 11 of his team's 33 rebounds while little Steve Holderness also accounted for 14 markers for Wakefield. How many other teams could face the obstacles that the Warriors stared at in that last hectic one minute of play and still come so close to winning it all?

Wakefield is a high spirited ball club that might prove more rugged than the present record indicates if the Warriors ever shake their sickness and injury jinx. Coach Robinson's lads were playing in that last minute as if they were always trailing just by one point even when that awesome 5 point deficit appeared on the scoreboard. Wakefield was again the best back-board team on the floor ... the Warriors grabbed 33 rebounds while the Majors came up with 29.

## Warrior JV Registers Ninth Victory

In last night's curtain lifter at Mt. Vernon High School, Wakefield's Junior Varsity won a dramatic, story-book battle on tiny Dennis Hill's foul shot in an overtime period to give the Little Warriors a 9-1 record for the current season.

In the wild overtime period Mt. Vernon put the Wakefield lads in hot water by tossing in a field goal for two points but the Warriors moved back down the court to tie up the count once more before Hill was fouled with seven seconds left on the clock.

Hill's first flip rolled in and around the basket before bouncing off. Dennis made good his second try and the Warriors left the court with their narrow margin of triumph.

Wakefield					Mt. Vernon				
	G	F	PP	P		G	F	PP	P
Richards	3	4	4	10	Treon	3	0	4	4
Kugler	0	0	1	0	Lyons	0	0	1	0
Holdness	5	4	3	14	Davis	0	5	1	17
Varden	0	2	1	2	Strand'son	0	0	0	0
Regan	0	0	1	0	McPherson	0	0	0	0
Head	1	0	0	2	Brown	5	6	3	16
Watson	6	2	2	14	Robson	0	0	1	0
Mayo	3	1	2	5	Barton	4	0	3	9
Baldwin	1	0	0	2	Oliver	0	0	0	0
Myers	3	0	0	4	Spear	3	4	1	10
Totals	30	12	14	53	Totals	30	15	14	55
	12	16	7	18-53		16	12	14	12-55